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SUBJECT: PROTEST OVER ATTACK ON YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL IN
NEW YORK

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MILICEVIC CALLED IN CHARGE TODAY TO LODGE
ORAL PROTEST OVER ATTACK ON YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL AND WIFE IN
NEW YORK.

2. READING FROM PREPARED TEXT IN SERBO-CROATIAN, MILICEVIC SAID
AS RESULT OF APPARENTLY PLANNED ATTACK BY USTASHI EXTREMISTS ON
CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS. BULAJIC MAY 3, MRS. BULAJIC WAS KNOCKED
UNCONSCIOUS AND REQUIRED HOSPITAL TREATMENT. HE STATED THERE
WERE OTHER PROVOCATIONS ON PART OF USTASHIS DURING INCIDENT
BUT DID NOT SPECIFY. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH POLICE WERE CALLED, THEY
DID NOT INTERVENE, AND IN FACT DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER OFFICIAL
YUGOSLAV PARTY HAD LEFT SCENE. THE PERPETRATORS HAVE NOT BEEN
ARRESTED, HE ADDED.

3. MILICEVIC SAID THAT IN CONVERSATIONS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT
YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HAS ASKED THAT ACTIONS BE TAKEN AGAINST
EXTREMISTS TO PROTECT YUGOSLAV PERSONNEL FROM DANGER BUT THEY
ARE NONETHELESS CONSTANTLY UNDER THREAT AND DANGER IN THE US.
HE THEN CITED OTHER ATTACKS OR THREATS ON YUGOSLAV CONSULAR

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OFFICIALS LAKIC IN CHICAGO AND STOJANOVIC IN SAN FRANCISCO,

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF BADOVINAC OF CROATIAN FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD (HRVATSKO BRATSTVO ZAJEDNICA), BOMB THREAT DURING SHOWING OF YUGOSLAV FILM AT RED CROSS BUILDING, AND THREATS AGAINST YUGOSLAV CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN EMIGRE PRESS. HE SAID LATEST INCIDENT JUSTIFIES GOY'S FEARS THAT "WORSE CONSEQUENCES" CAN ARISE UNLESS ENERGETIC ACTION IS TAKEN. CONCLUDING FORMAL PRESENTATION, MILICEVIC SAID HE WAS THEREFORE LODGING A PROTEST AGAINST THE ACTS IN NEW YORK AND INADEQUACY OF PROTECTION BEING AFFORDED YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS.

4. MILICEVIC THEN ASKED, SPEAKING WITHOUT NOTES, THAT ADEQUATE MEASURES BE TAKEN ENERGETICALLY TO PROTECT YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS IN US AND THAT CHARGE COMMUNICATE PROTEST TO WASHINGTON. HE ADDED THAT APARALLEL APPROACH WAS BEING MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND A FORMAL DOCUMENT WOULD BE PRESENTED. MILICEVIC EMPHASIZED THAT ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN DURING PREMIER BIJEDIC'S AND HIS OWN VISIT TO US, THAT SUCH EFFECTIVE MEASURES ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP TERRORIST INCIDENTS FROM DISTURBING GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS, SINCE CONTINUING INCIDENTS AND DANGER TO YUGOSLAV PERSONNEL SHOW THAT NORMAL MEASURES ARE NOT ENOUGH. YUGOSLAVIA CANNOT UNDERSTAND, HE SAID, WHY ADEQUATE MEASURES CANNOT BE TAKEN AGAINST ACTS WHICH ARE HOSTILE TO IT.

5. CHARGE EXPRESSED PROFOUND REGRET OVER INCIDENT, ABOUT WHICH WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED FULL DETAILS. HE ASSURED MILICEVIC, HOWEVER, THAT THE USG TAKES ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING FOREIGN DIPLOMATS MOST SERIOUSLY, AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVES IN US AND WITH POLICE TO PROTECT YUGOSLAVS. CHARGE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE IN THIS CASE AS WELL. NOTING THAT HE DID NOT KNOW DETAILS OR ALL LEGAL ASPECTS, HE ASKED IF THE GOY IS PREPARED TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS.

6. MILICEVIC REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO INDICATION OF THE YUGOSLAV POSITION ON FILING A COMPLAINT AT THIS TIME, BUT STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT GENERALLY FEELS THAT PUNITIVE AND PROTECTIVE ACTION IS RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST AUTHORITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. AN INCIDENT HAS OCCURRED, HE CONTINUED, AND THE HOST AUTHORITIES SHOULD TAKE ACTION; IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR YUGOSLAVS TO PRESENT THE CASE BECAUSE US POLICE KNOW "MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOUT IT THAN WE".

7. HE SAID THAT THE GOY IS CONCERNED ABOUT SUCH INCIDENTS FOR TWO REASONS: THE SAFETY OF ITS PEOPLE AND THE ESTEEM IT HAS FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US, WHICH EXTREMIST ACTS "INFLUENCE IN A NEGATIVE WAY".

8. THE CHARGE ASSURED MILICEVIC HE WOULD COMMUNICATE

PROTEST TO THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY AND AFTER A POLITE EXCHANGE
CONCERNING ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN INITIATED BY
MILICEVIC, TOOK HIS LEAVE.

9. DURING PROTEST MILICEVIC'S TONE WAS BUSINESSLIKE BUT NOT
UNFRIENDLY. HE WAS OTHERWISE HIS USUAL AFFABLE SELF.
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